GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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SINGLE VOTER LIST
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the separate voter lists are used for conducting the election of Gram Panchayats, as well as Assembly/Parliamentary election throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to use single list of voters for conducting the election of Gram Panchayat/Assembly and Parliament;

(d) the hurdles coming in the way; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to have single voter list for conducting election in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b): The Election Commission of India maintains voters' list for elections to the House of the People and States' Legislative Assemblies. Most of the States, however, have their separate voter lists for their local bodies' elections as presently there is no provision in the Constitution/ laws for a common voter list for all these elections.

(c) to (e): The Government has received suggestions for a common voter list for all these elections, which is, however, possible to implement only if all the State Governments agree for it and make suitable amendments in their respective State laws.